MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Am I correct when I understand from the answer that grazing and penning fees would be levied from foreign cattle only if they are taken inside the forests?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer as given there is correct, so far as it goes. Tank-beds are outside the reserved forests, and as such the rules cannot apply to them.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that grazing and penning fees are imposed upon foreign cattle even if they are grazing on tank-beds only?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Particulars of Lands registered from Reserved Forests.

108. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Has Mr. M. E. Watts, since he became the Dewan of Travancore, registered any lands, inside the reserved forests, in the name of, or for the sake of, any European planter or association?

(2) If so, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the year of registry, the name of the registry-holder and the rate of *taravila* fixed for the holding so registered by him and also the name of the reserve and the taluk in which the land is situate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) No.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this question does not arise.

Appointment of permanent Headmaster for the English High School, Shencotta.

109. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (1) Are the Government aware that the English High School at Shencotta has not been provided with a permanent headmaster for more than one year?

(2) Will they be pleased to appoint a permanent headmaster at an early date?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

Approach Road to Vanchimartandanallur.

110. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) if they have received in Karkatakam 1101 and Kanni 1102, petitions from the Roman Catholic, Vellala and Nadar villagers of Vanchimartandanallur, in the Marungur *pakuthi*, Agastisvaram taluk,

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praying for an approach road to the village and agreeing to do the necessary earth work themselves;

(*b*) whether they have made enquiries and ascertained if the villagers are really suffering for want of an approach road to their village; and

(*c*) if not, whether they will make enquiries and furnish, with reference to the road, information on the following points:—

(i) whether all the dry lands that originally surrounded the village have not, since the completion of the Kodayar Scheme, been converted into wet lands and whether the villagers can now reach the nearest road, about 2 furlongs off, except by walking along narrow paddy field ridges;

(ii) whether the villagers are able to take their carts and *bandies* to their village, and whether they have not to take out manure and take in agricultural produce only by means of head-loads carried along these field ridges;

(iii) whether invalids and dead bodies have not to be carried along wet and cultivated paddy fields;

(iv) whether the villagers are able to attend to the religious ceremonies in their Roman Catholic church during night time or rainy season, having to walk during such times along these narrow and slippery paddy field ridges; and

(v) whether the villagers are able to celebrate the annual festival in their church at the proper time, *viz.*, on the 11th February and whether they have not to wait till the harvest is over?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. An estimate for Rs. 950 has been sanctioned and the work will be taken up soon.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

Appointment of Mr. A. Venkata Rao as Ag. Head Sirkar Vakil.

111 **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. A. Venkata Rao has been appointed as Acting Head Sirkar Vakil in the place of Mr. V. S. Subrahmanya Aiyar promoted to the High Court; and

(*b*) whether it was not stated in answer to an interpellation, on a previous occasion, that Mr. A. Venkata Rao is junior to Mr. R. Gopala Menon, Sirkar Vakil, and, if so, why Mr. Venkata Rao was appointed superseding the claims of his seniors?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. A. Venkata Rao, Assistant Head Sirkar Vakil, was appointed Ag. Head Sirkar Vakil, *vice* Mr. A. Venkataramna Aiyar, B. A., B. L., the permanent Head Sirkar Vakil, on other duty as Ag. Judge, High Court, or until further orders.

(*b*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The appointment of the Head Sirkar Vakil is one filled by selection and not on the basis of seniority. No one has any special claim to the post and hence there is no question of Mr. Venkata Rao superseding any of his seniors.

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